



CONNECTICUT FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL

Meeting Place: A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities,
University of Connecticut Health Center

February 10, 2011

Minutes

Present:

Robyn Trowbridge (Co-Chair), Lisa Sheppard (Co-Chair), Terry Cote, Sharon Dexler (OCA), Tesha Imperati, Jennifer Carroll, April Dipollina, Margaret Cohan (DD Council), Mona Tremblay, Sylvia Gafford-Alexander (DSS), Kathleen Bradley (DCF), Alice B. Buttwell, Kathy Reddington (DDS), Thomas Brooks (COC), Cathy Adamczyk

Guest: Karen Zrenda

Call to Order: Co-Chair Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 10:25.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Carroll commented about a recent article about Tommy Zrenda.

Sharon Dexler announced that Moira O'Neill has successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation.

Kathy Reddington shared and Lisa Sheppard reminded family members that they could seek reimbursement for expenses under the CTFSC statute. Kathy would make available documents needed.

Sylvia Gafford-Alexander discussed the proposed changes to case management under Medicaid, how they will effect families and how to insure that there will be a safety net for children with special health care needs when they can't find a Husky provider.

Approval of January, 2011 Notes:

Jen Carroll asked that "Minutes" be changed to "Notes" since a quorum was not present at the January 2011 meeting.

Approval of December, 2010 Minutes:

Typographical error ["perusing a grant" to "pursuing a grant"] was corrected.

Vote: Motion to accept the Minutes from the January meeting as corrected: Jennifer Carroll; seconded by: April Dipollina. Motion passed with two abstentions (Sharon Dexler, Mona Tremblay).

Development of FSC Legislative Breakfast Agenda (March 10, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building):

Themes for the Legislative Breakfast will be:

1. Support for in-home in-community vs. institutional services;
2. Accessibility to quality healthcare (waivers, community-based supports).

Planning of Legislative Breakfast:

Suggestion: next year ask the appointing legislators to book the space at the LOB to encourage their participation.

FSC will use personal stories and cite budget numbers to emphasize the themes above. Karen Zrenda will devise a format template for assembling the personal stories and will distribute to members by email.

All agencies represented on the FSC are asked to have their legislative liaison forward by Friday, February 18th a report on the impact that state budget reductions will have on families with children with special health care needs.

Speakers will be asked to underscore our message using the themes, personal stories and agency budget reduction figures to underscore our message.

The following Legislative Breakfast assignments were made:

Subcommittee: April Dipollina, Kathy Bradley, Cathy Adamczyk

Food: April Dipollina, all members

Call Hal Gibber: Tesha Imperati

Invitations: Jennifer Carroll

Annual Report: Terrie Cote

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM

Next meeting: **April 14, 2011 at the Office of Protection and Advocacy**